

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6450

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Judiciary, January 22, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to requiring the department of licensing to establish continuing education requirements for court reporters.

**Brief Description:** Requiring the department of licensing to establish continuing education requirements for court reporters.

**Sponsors:** Senators Eide, Kauffman and Shin.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Judiciary: 1/20/10, 1/22/10 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Carrell, Gordon and Hargrove.

**Staff:** Karen Campbell (786-7448)

**Background:** Court reporters must be certified by the Department of Licensing (DOL). DOL has the authority to determine the requirements necessary to achieve certification. Certifications are subject to renewal. The criteria for renewal are established by DOL.

**Summary of Bill:** Continuing education is required for court reporters to renew their certifications. DOL establishes the content of these requirements.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Technological advances in the court reporting profession make continuing education necessary to maintain professional standards. This is

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particularly the case with voice recognition software. These technologies develop rapidly and court reporters need to continue to develop their skills accordingly.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Dylan Doty, Washington Court Reporters Association.